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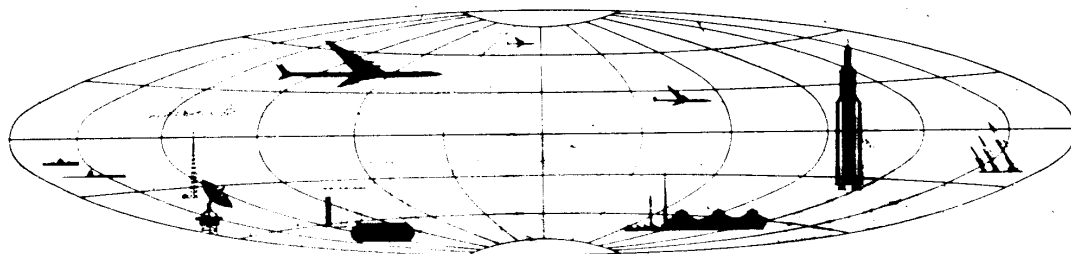
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PREFACE

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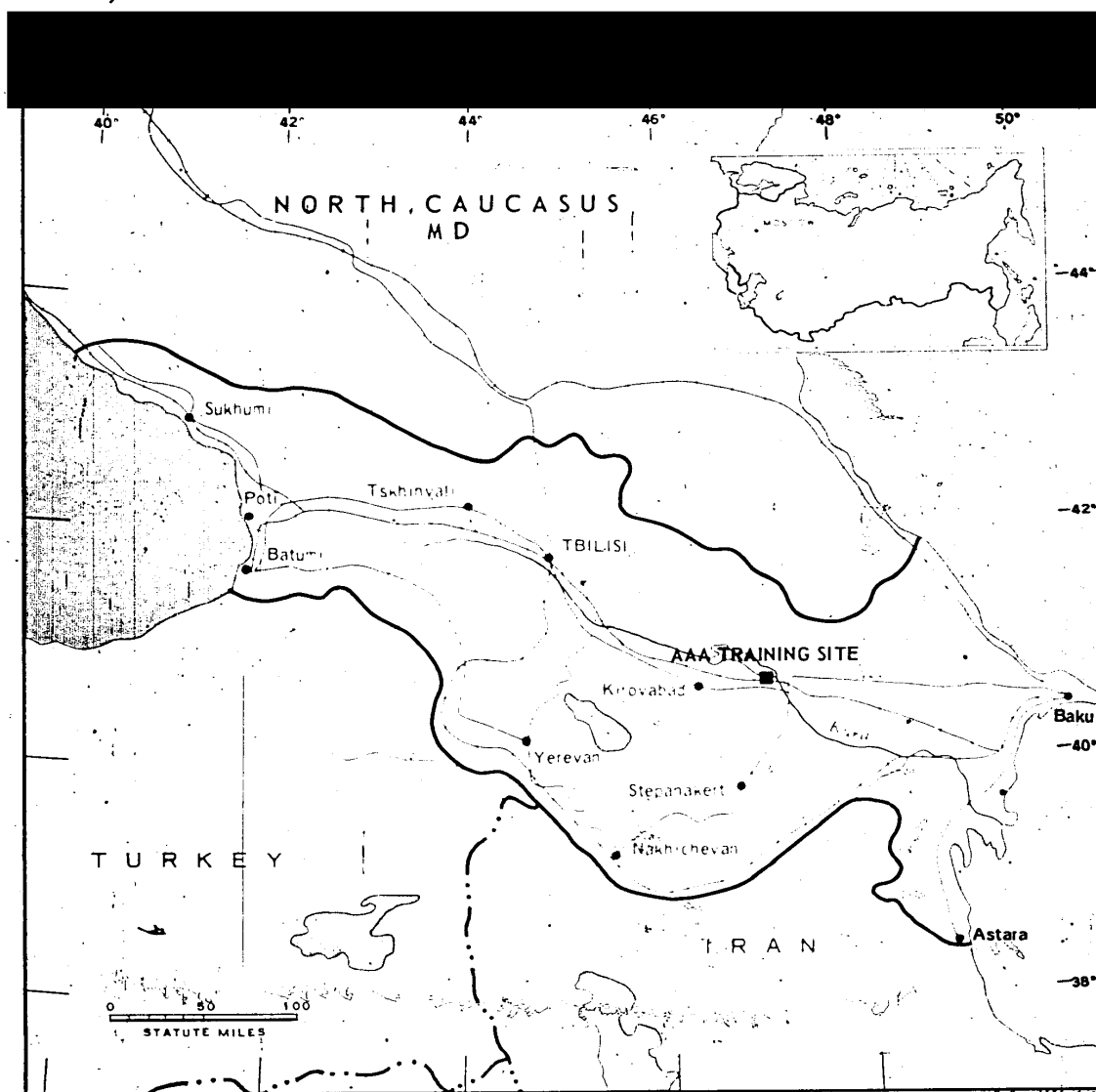
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AAA TRAINING SITE

(40-49N 046-49E)

MINGECHAUR, AZERBAIDZHANSKAYA SSR, USSR

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FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF AAA TRAINING SITE.

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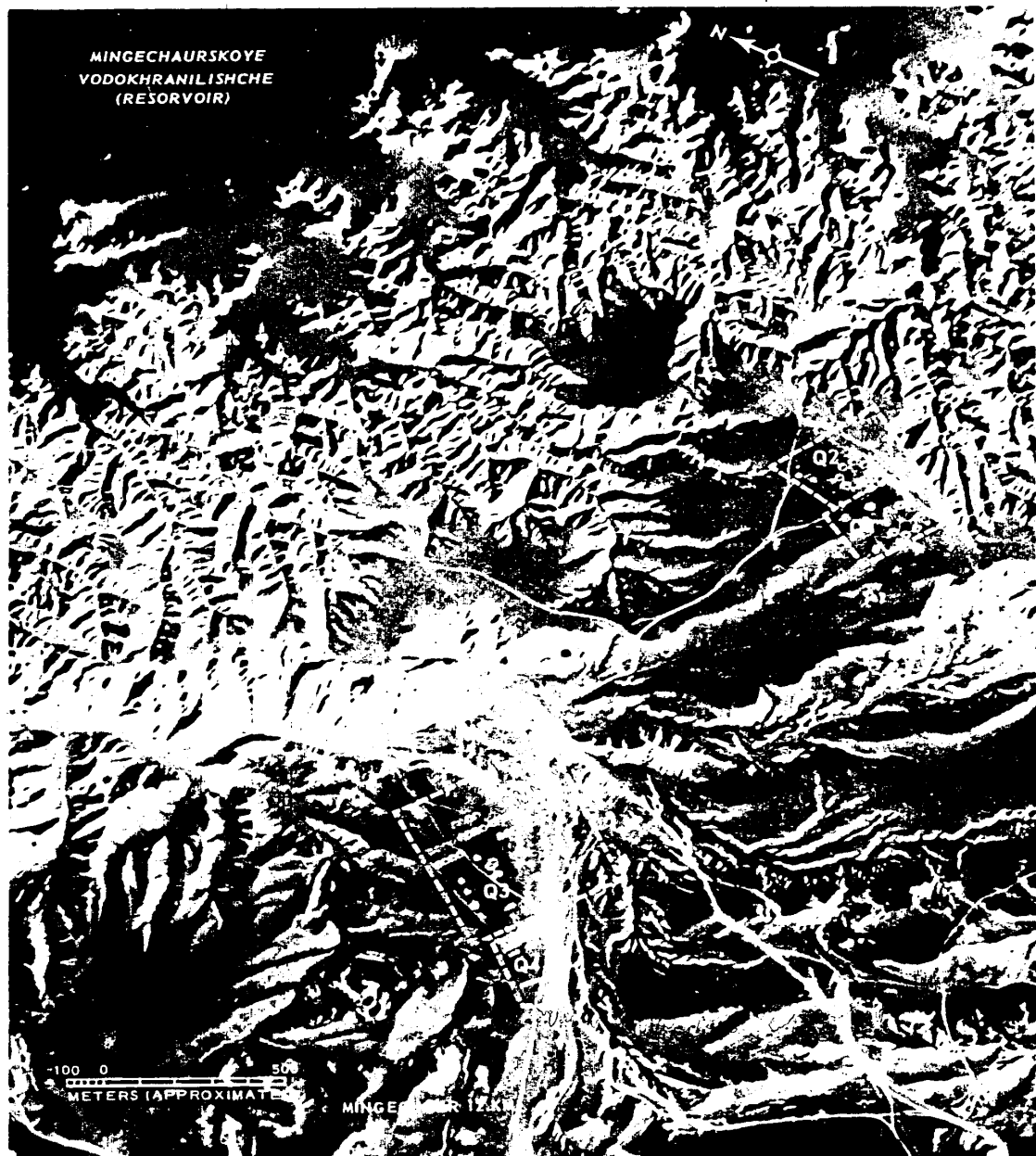


FIGURE 2. AAA TRAINING SITE, MINGECHAUR, USSR

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SUMMARY

A training site for AAA is located approximately 12 kilometers (km) northwest of Mingechaur, among hills alongside a reservoir (Figure 1).

The site covers approximately 80 acres. Training is probable conducted by firing at targets flown over the reservoir. The site is still under construction and is not fenced. It includes a 6-gun position, a 7-gun position, 32 gun emplacements in aligned groups of 4 guns each, and a group of 48 gun positions probably for light AAA aligned in groups of 4 guns each. All positions are unoccupied.

There are associated sites for radar and ancillary equipment. Across the reservoir, at 40-52N 047-04E and 40-50N 047-07E, are 2 additional unoccupied 8-gun AAA emplacements; these are probably also used for training in conjunction with the Mingechaur AAA site (Figures 2 and 3).

KEYHOLE missions have covered the area since [REDACTED] however, the quality of the earlier missions makes comparison difficult. The area was probably in the early stage of construction in [REDACTED]

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

Secondary dirt roads serve the installation.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Area Q1 contains 6 revetted, unoccupied AAA positions and 2 more probable positions under construction. The area also includes 3 radar/equipment revetments under construction.

Area Q2 contains 7 revetted, unoccupied AAA positions and 4 equipment/radar revetments.

Area Q3 contains 32 revetted, unoccupied AAA positions in groups of 4 each in a line and 15 radar/equipment revetments.

Area Q4 contains 48 revetted positions, probably for light AAA in groups of 4 in a line.

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